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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JUNE 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

Statewide unemployment increased by 47,700 in the actual series between April and May, pushing the unemployment rate up from 8.3 percent to 8.6 percent in mid-May. The current rate was, however, considerably below the May 1986 actual rate of 9.3 percent. There were an estimated 728,000 Texans seeking work in May, compared to 754,500 a year earlier. Most of the increase in joblessness was due to a seasonal increase in new and re-entrants, as summer jobseekers entered the labor force. Total employment advanced over the month, to a level of 7,730,500 in May.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,695.0	118,347.0	117,199.0
Unemployment	7,318.0	7,306.0	8,158.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.2	7.0
Total Employment	112,377.0	111,041.0	109,041.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,993.0	119,335.0	117,587.0
Unemployment	7,546.0	7,500.0	8,422.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.3	7.2
Total Employment	112,447.0	111,835.0	109,165.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,458.5	8,207.9	8,075.8
Unemployment	728.0	680.3	754.5
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.3	9.3
Total Employment	7,730.5	7,527.6	7,321.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,511.0	8,267.0	8,128.0
Unemployment	733.0	715.0	761.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.6	9.4
Total Employment	7,778.0	7,552.0	7,367.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate was unchanged between April and May, remaining at 8.6 percent. The current rate was well below the year-ago rate of 9.4 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the U. S. also remained constant over the month, at 6.3 percent. The actual rate for the Nation slid downward from 6.2 percent in April to 6.1 percent in May. The Statewide rate in both series continues to be slightly over two percentage points above the U. S. rates.

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The Statewide count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs recorded its largest growth thus far in 1987 in May, as 14,400 positions were added. The current total was, however, still 102,100 below the year-ago level. Trade and services were primarily responsible for the monthly advance, as both reflected seasonal increases.

Wholesale and retail trade generated 8,100 jobs in May, as every sector except apparel and accessory stores and the other retail trade segment reported gains. Food stores showed the strongest growth, as stores recently sold by a large grocery chain were reopened and staffed under new management. Seasonal influences generated

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '87*	Apr. '87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr. '87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr. '87**	May '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,100	51,300	77,600	77,000	79,100	361,200	362,400	364,900
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	5,000	9,700	9,700	9,800	39,400	39,200	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	3,900	3,800	3,900	19,700	20,100	23,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	5,500	5,500	6,200	11,200	11,400	11,200
Trade	14,100	14,100	14,400	22,900	22,700	23,000	80,100	80,200	81,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,300	25,500	25,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,300	13,300	16,500	16,200	16,000	84,200	84,100	83,300
Government	8,400	8,300	8,400	13,500	13,500	14,100	100,300	100,900	97,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	127,400	129,900	56,900	57,000	58,500	65,700	65,700	65,900
Manufacturing	24,300	24,200	25,100	14,900	15,100	15,800	9,700	9,500	9,300
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,200	6,900	5,800	5,700	6,200	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,500	31,400	32,700	11,100	11,000	11,300	17,700	17,800	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,800	2,000	2,100	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,600
Services & Misc.	28,200	27,900	27,700	8,000	8,000	7,700	13,700	13,700	13,400
Government	20,000	20,100	19,900	11,600	11,600	11,200	15,400	15,500	15,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	48,100	49,200	127,500	128,300	130,300	1,308.7	1,313.3	1,344.6
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,200	11,500	11,700	12,200	222.7	223.0	228.7
Mining	900	800	900	5,600	5,800	6,600	19.1	19.1	21.6
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,500	7,500	7,500	8,100	64.5	65.9	84.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,900	7,100	7,200	86.0	86.2	86.4
Trade	11,000	10,900	11,400	34,000	34,000	34,100	350.5	352.9	359.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,900	7,000	130.7	130.7	132.8
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	8,000	27,700	27,700	27,300	285.3	285.9	289.1
Government	20,400	20,300	19,900	27,500	27,600	27,800	149.9	149.6	142.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	186,200	185,300	183,700	512,000	514,300	511,500	69,300	69,500	72,100
Manufacturing	35,000	34,800	35,500	113,000	114,100	111,700	8,400	9,200	9,200
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,800	400	400	500
Construction	9,800	9,500	9,800	30,300	30,500	31,800	3,300	3,400	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,800	9,800	27,300	27,300	26,000	4,600	4,600	4,900
Trade	45,600	45,300	44,900	132,500	133,800	136,800	13,800	13,600	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,000	9,800	28,700	28,700	28,800	4,300	4,300	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,800	35,800	34,700	112,900	112,100	109,300	13,600	13,200	13,100
Government	40,200	40,000	39,000	63,900	64,400	63,300	20,900	20,800	20,900

a substantial number of jobs in general merchandise stores and eating and drinking places in May. Over the past 12 months, an estimated 21,500 positions have been deleted in trade, with the majority of this loss concentrated in the wholesale sector. Within retail trade, only general merchandise stores and food stores have gained jobs during the past year.

Services also benefitted from seasonal factors, adding 6,000 jobs. Inventory and tax return deadlines pushed employment up in business and repair services, while hiring also increased in amusement, including motion pictures, due to the approach of summer. Small scattered increases throughout health services pushed employment up, but expansion was most evident in nursing and personal care facilities. The only notable downturn in services was also seasonal in nature, as jobs were deleted in educational services at the end of the spring school term.

Other increases among major industry groups in May were smaller. Transportation and public utilities recorded offsetting gains and losses, limiting its total gain to only 700. A sizeable increase in water transportation was partially nullified by smaller losses in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services. Within government, notable growth in federal government due to summer hiring and implementation of a new federal program was moderated by losses in state government related to the closing of state schools and colleges at the end of the term, holding the over-the-month gain for government to 500. Finance, insurance and real estate

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
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Industry	May '87*	Apr. '87**	May '86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,373.7	1,372.6	1,416.1
Manufacturing	147.7	147.7	155.8
Mining	62.5	62.8	73.3
Construction	83.1	84.0	94.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.6	91.5	95.5
Trade	349.4	349.4	362.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	100.4	105.2
Services & Misc.	348.1	345.4	338.3
Government	190.9	191.4	191.1
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,000	64,400	65,500
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,200
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,800
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,000	17,000	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,200	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,300	11,200
Government	8,300	8,300	8,200
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	43,800	44,100	46,500
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,500
Mining	8,500	8,700	9,600
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,900	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	9,300
Government	6,400	6,500	6,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	497,200	495,300	497,000
Manufacturing	46,200	45,700	48,900
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,800
Construction	31,400	31,600	36,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	17,900	18,700
Trade	131,000	130,100	128,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,300	39,100	38,400
Services & Misc.	118,200	118,200	114,900
Government	110,400	110,100	108,600
TYLER			
TOTAL	60,100	60,100	61,800
Manufacturing	10,800	10,700	11,500
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	15,900	16,100	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,300
Government	8,900	8,900	8,900
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,500	50,200	50,400
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,600	12,400	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,100
Government	9,500	9,500	9,500
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	68,800	68,200	68,700
Manufacturing	8,700	8,400	8,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,600	3,700	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,800
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,200
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,100	13,600
Government	20,100	19,900	19,800
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	90,500	90,100	92,000
Manufacturing	7,400	7,300	7,400
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	3,000	3,100	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trade	27,900	27,300	27,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,300	5,500
Services & Misc.	20,500	20,700	20,500
Government	21,600	21,700	21,700
ODESSA			
TOTAL	43,800	43,800	45,700
Manufacturing	3,700	3,600	4,000
Mining	6,200	6,100	6,800
Construction	2,200	2,500	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,000	2,100
Trade	13,000	13,000	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,400
Government	7,700	7,700	7,600
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,200	37,800	38,400
Manufacturing	11,100	11,000	11,800
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,800	8,600	8,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,600	7,300
Government	5,200	5,100	5,100
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,900	28,200	28,500
Manufacturing	2,900	3,000	3,000
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,900	8,000	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,800	5,800	6,000
Government	4,600	4,600	4,400
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,200	35,000	35,000
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,900
Mining	2,100	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trade	9,900	9,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	5,800
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	87,800	88,500	88,300
Manufacturing	12,300	12,700	12,100
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	4,400	4,600	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	25,800	25,900	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,700	13,800
Government	24,000	23,900	23,400
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,800	36,800	37,400
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,600
Mining	500	600	700
Construction	1,900	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,400
Trade	9,300	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,700	7,700
Government	6,600	6,600	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	44,800	44,800	44,800
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	2,000
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,800
Government	12,500	12,600	12,100
WACO			
TOTAL	78,100	78,100	78,500
Manufacturing	14,900	14,600	15,600
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	3,900	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	19,100	19,200	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	19,500	19,700	19,100
Government	12,500	12,400	12,300

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	May 1987*	Apr. 1987**	May 1986**	Change From Apr. 1987	Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,505,200	6,490,800	6,607,300	14,400	-102,100
Manufacturing	948,500	946,400	960,600	2,100	-12,100
Durable Goods	549,400	547,400	558,800	2,000	-9,400
Lumber & Wood Products	37,400	37,300	38,300	100	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,300	7,000	200	500
Furniture & Fixtures	17,000	16,700	17,300	300	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,400	44,100	48,700	300	-4,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,500	19,400	22,500	100	-3,000
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	28,000	29,500	100	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,300	74,400	78,000	-100	-3,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,000	37,100	39,300	-100	-2,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,200	101,400	110,400	800	-8,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,400	23,300	29,400	100	-6,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	121,100	119,800	118,800	1,300	2,300
Transportation Equipment	89,900	90,500	82,000	-600	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	52,100	51,800	44,900	300	7,200
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,300	22,700	-200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,900	13,100	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	399,100	399,000	401,800	100	-2,700
Food & Kindred Products	96,200	96,400	95,700	-200	500
Meat Products	27,400	27,300	26,500	100	900
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	10,600	10,700	10,700	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,000	49,800	54,200	200	-4,200
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,600	23,000	0	600
Printing & Publishing	77,000	77,300	77,300	-300	-300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	39,200	39,500	-300	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,600	73,200	72,700	400	900
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,900	33,100	34,700	-200	-1,800
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,800	31,300	-200	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300
Other Nondurable Goods	34,400	34,300	32,900	100	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,556,700	5,544,400	5,646,700	12,300	-90,000
Mining	188,300	188,900	205,700	-600	-17,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,600	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	177,900	178,500	195,100	-600	-17,200
Construction	365,100	367,700	417,900	-2,600	-52,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,800	376,100	373,000	700	3,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,200	0	-1,400
Transportation, Except Railroads	195,100	193,500	186,200	1,600	8,900
Transportation by Air	54,400	54,200	47,600	200	6,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,100	85,300	87,400	-200	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,800	76,500	77,200	-700	-1,400
Electric Services	41,900	42,600	43,000	-700	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,800	27,100	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,661,300	1,653,200	1,682,800	8,100	-21,500
Wholesale Trade	412,900	411,900	432,100	1,000	-19,200
Retail Trade	1,248,400	1,241,300	1,250,700	7,100	-2,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,400	45,100	51,300	300	-5,900
General Merchandise Stores	165,000	163,100	158,500	1,900	6,500
Food Stores	236,600	234,100	228,800	2,500	7,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,800	131,800	136,500	1,000	-3,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,800	80,000	81,700	-200	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	404,400	402,700	404,400	1,700	0
Other Retail Trade	184,400	184,500	189,500	-100	-5,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,700	440,500	449,500	200	-8,800
Banking	96,900	97,500	105,200	-600	-8,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,700	136,000	135,600	700	1,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,100	207,000	208,700	100	-1,600
Services	1,371,900	1,365,900	1,376,900	6,000	-5,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,200	86,100	86,800	100	-600
Personal Services	81,000	81,500	81,500	-500	-500
Business & Repair Services	359,600	356,800	373,700	2,800	-14,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,900	50,700	57,500	2,200	-4,600
Health Services	384,700	382,200	369,000	2,500	15,700
Educational Services	71,100	72,900	67,700	-1,800	3,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	336,400	335,700	340,700	700	-4,300
Total Government	1,152,600	1,152,100	1,140,900	500	11,700
Total Federal Government	194,300	192,500	192,600	1,800	1,700
Total State Government	249,600	250,700	235,200	-1,100	14,400
Total Local Government	708,700	708,900	713,100	-200	-4,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,200	55,500	55,000	102,500	99,000	97,800	448,100	435,400	416,700
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,600	5,200	6,500	6,000	6,800	29,400	26,200	24,000
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.3	9.5	6.3	6.1	7.0	6.6	6.0	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,200	50,900	49,800	96,000	93,000	91,000	418,700	409,200	392,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,200	161,000	163,600	83,500	80,600	81,200	98,300	94,700	93,800
Total Unemployment	22,100	20,600	26,400	8,000	7,500	9,600	14,100	13,200	15,100
Percent Unemployed	13.3	12.8	16.1	9.6	9.3	11.8	14.3	13.9	16.1
Total Employment 2/	144,100	140,400	137,200	75,500	73,100	71,600	84,200	81,500	78,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,800	57,700	57,700	171,100	167,000	165,400	1,456.3	1,421.4	1,385.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	3,900	20,700	19,200	22,100	92.6	88.1	80.7
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.7	6.8	12.1	11.5	13.4	6.4	6.2	5.8
Total Employment 2/	56,200	54,400	53,800	150,400	147,800	143,300	1,363.7	1,333.3	1,305.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,700	228,300	220,400	686,300	671,600	639,900	111,300	106,500	107,500
Total Unemployment	25,800	23,500	26,400	47,300	46,100	44,400	12,100	10,700	13,100
Percent Unemployed	10.9	10.3	12.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	10.9	10.0	12.2
Total Employment 2/	211,900	204,800	194,000	639,000	625,500	595,500	99,200	95,800	94,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,638.3	1,586.6	1,601.0	94,200	90,500	87,000	46,500	45,500	43,300
Total Unemployment	155.5	143.3	175.7	7,400	6,700	6,700	7,200	7,200	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.0	11.0	7.9	7.4	7.7	15.5	15.8	16.4
Total Employment 2/	1,482.8	1,443.3	1,425.3	86,800	83,800	80,300	39,300	38,300	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,800	78,800	80,300	114,100	111,000	109,100	148,300	143,700	141,000
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,300	11,200	7,300	6,700	7,900	24,000	23,900	24,300
Percent Unemployed	10.9	10.5	13.9	6.4	6.0	7.2	16.2	16.6	17.2
Total Employment 2/	72,000	70,500	69,100	106,800	104,300	101,200	124,300	119,800	116,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,300	50,800	52,700	58,400	56,800	60,000	47,200	45,700	45,400
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,800	6,100	7,100	6,900	9,800	3,100	2,800	3,600
Percent Unemployed	9.8	9.4	11.6	12.2	12.1	16.3	6.6	6.1	7.9
Total Employment 2/	47,200	46,000	46,600	51,300	49,900	50,200	44,100	42,900	41,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	616,200	595,200	570,300	50,800	49,100	47,400	57,500	56,500	56,300
Total Unemployment	49,400	44,700	42,200	4,100	3,600	3,500	4,700	4,800	5,700
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.5	10.1
Total Employment 2/	566,800	550,500	528,100	46,700	45,500	43,900	52,800	51,700	50,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,900	75,800	74,500	39,200	38,000	38,000	95,400	92,500	89,700
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,500	6,600	3,600	3,300	4,400	7,600	7,000	7,600
Percent Unemployed	9.1	8.6	8.9	9.2	8.7	11.6	8.0	7.6	8.5
Total Employment 2/	70,800	69,300	67,900	35,600	34,700	33,600	87,800	85,500	82,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,300	57,200	56,200				8,458.5	8,207.9	8,075.8
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,300	5,000				728.0	680.3	754.5
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.5	8.9				8.6	8.3	9.3
Total Employment 2/	54,500	52,900	51,200				7,730.5	7,527.6	7,321.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 410.18	$ 405.49	$ 395.37	41.6	41.0	41.4	$ 9.86	$ 9.89	$ 9.55
Durable Goods	402.53	397.58	388.44	41.8	41.2	41.5	9.63	9.65	9.36
Lumber & Wood Products	278.52	271.76	287.17	40.6	39.5	41.8	6.86	6.88	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	261.23	252.20	217.93	39.7	39.1	38.1	6.58	6.45	5.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	398.03	401.12	391.61	43.5	43.6	44.2	9.15	9.20	8.86
Primary Metal Industries	440.79	416.80	417.60	41.9	40.0	40.0	10.52	10.42	10.44
Fabricated Metal Products	366.54	363.45	356.17	41.0	40.7	40.2	8.94	8.93	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	422.18	414.51	415.33	41.8	41.0	41.7	10.10	10.11	9.96
Oil Field Machinery	522.44	508.15	484.98	43.5	42.1	41.1	12.01	12.07	11.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.08	432.60	417.78	42.0	42.0	42.2	10.24	10.30	9.90
Transportation Equipment	535.12	527.77	508.57	43.4	42.7	42.1	12.33	12.36	12.08
Instruments & Related Prod.	353.20	343.42	341.82	40.0	38.5	40.5	8.83	8.92	8.44
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	264.03	262.43	262.81	38.1	38.2	39.7	6.93	6.87	6.62
Nondurable Goods	420.62	416.77	402.78	41.4	40.9	41.1	10.16	10.19	9.80
Food & Kindred Products	350.51	342.26	342.36	40.9	40.6	41.7	8.57	8.43	8.21
Meat Products	265.18	264.41	271.34	38.6	38.6	41.3	6.87	6.85	6.57
Malt Beverages	947.63	814.22	906.17	52.5	46.5	51.9	18.05	17.51	17.46
Textile Mill Products	312.23	316.19	299.60	44.1	45.3	42.8	7.08	6.98	7.00
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	196.10	187.62	195.67	37.0	35.2	37.2	5.30	5.33	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	459.02	460.10	454.37	43.1	42.8	43.9	10.65	10.75	10.35
Printing & Publishing	383.96	382.98	382.54	39.3	39.2	39.6	9.77	9.77	9.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	671.64	665.72	630.20	44.1	44.0	42.9	15.23	15.13	14.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	651.87	664.68	623.66	43.4	43.5	41.8	15.02	15.28	14.92
Petroleum Refining	675.74	690.90	648.32	43.4	43.7	41.8	15.57	15.81	15.51
Leather & Leather Products	210.65	212.78	214.94	40.2	37.2	40.1	5.24	5.72	5.36
Other Nondurable Goods	392.00	392.50	381.06	44.8	44.3	43.8	8.75	8.86	8.70
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	488.31	472.78	526.61	41.0	40.1	43.2	11.91	11.79	12.19
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	562.17	537.68	445.61	45.3	44.0	39.4	12.41	12.22	11.31
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.11	467.65	531.65	40.7	39.8	43.4	11.87	11.75	12.25
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	474.67	474.28	481.99	39.1	39.1	39.9	12.14	12.13	12.08
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.29	431.94	458.68	40.1	39.7	40.2	10.88	10.88	11.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.37	225.78	225.78	32.2	32.3	32.3	7.03	6.99	6.99
Wholesale Trade	386.31	382.39	379.60	39.5	39.3	39.5	9.78	9.73	9.61
Retail Trade	178.50	178.78	176.40	30.0	30.2	30.0	5.95	5.92	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	189.44	186.53	186.82	29.1	29.1	29.1	6.51	6.41	6.42
Banking	267.04	263.44	263.47	37.4	37.0	37.8	7.14	7.12	6.97

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 402.66	$ 401.86	$ 397.29	41.9	41.6	42.4	$ 9.61	$ 9.66	$ 9.37
Durable Goods	427.39	427.98	417.48	42.4	42.0	42.6	10.08	10.19	9.80
Nondurable Goods	360.86	358.69	362.02	41.1	40.9	41.9	8.78	8.77	8.64
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	411.58	396.26	398.89	41.7	40.6	41.9	9.87	9.76	9.52
Durable Goods	433.44	414.73	414.96	42.0	40.7	42.0	10.32	10.19	9.88
Nondurable Goods	357.06	350.27	356.07	40.9	40.4	41.5	8.73	8.67	8.58
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	485.90	482.54	469.69	43.5	43.2	42.2	11.17	11.17	11.13
Durable Goods	417.51	414.19	402.55	43.4	43.1	41.5	9.62	9.61	9.70
Nondurable Goods	563.73	558.58	552.11	43.7	43.2	43.1	12.90	12.93	12.81
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.48	312.17	307.42	40.4	40.7	41.6	7.71	7.67	7.39
Durable Goods	339.69	335.01	332.35	39.0	39.0	41.7	8.71	8.59	7.97
Nondurable Goods	284.24	290.44	283.03	41.8	42.4	41.5	6.80	6.85	6.82

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

also had offsetting trends, as insurance carriers, agents and brokers gained positions and banking lost jobs, leaving the sector's employment up only 200.

Employers in construction deleted an additional 2,600 jobs in May, bringing the annual job loss total to 52,800 for this industry. Construction has now lost more than twice as many positions as mining during the past 12 months. These two sectors together have deleted over 120,000 jobs in the past 18 months. Although decreases in construction have moderated somewhat in the past few months, they show no immediate sign of stopping. Losses in mining, on the other hand, have slowed to a trickle, and this sector dropped by only 600 in May.

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The durable goods portion of manufacturing was responsible for almost all of the over-the-month increases in manufacturing in May. Durable goods gained 2,000 jobs, due primarily to two sectors. Electric and electronic equipment added 1,300 positions, as small increases throughout communication equipment combined with one large advance in electronic components and accessories. A recall of workers in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment was the major impetus for the sizeable increase in nonelectrical machinery in May. Other smaller growth was fairly widespread within durable goods. The only notable downturn in this sector was in transportation equipment, as a major firm laid off workers temporarily for retooling.

Nondurable goods managed a gain of only 100 over the month, as minor increases and decreases basically nullified each other. The largest gain occurred in chemicals and allied products, which added 400 jobs. Printing and publishing lost positions, in May, as did food and kindred products and petroleum and coal products. Small growth in apparel and other finished textile products and in leather and leather products, along with the larger increase in chemicals and allied products, were barely sufficient to push nondurable goods above its April level.

WEEKLY HOURS RISE, HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

In May, there were an estimated 610,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas, up 700 from the April estimate. The average production worker in May was working a 41.6-hour week at $9.86 per hour and averaging $410.18 a week. Average weekly hours had risen 0.6 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings declined by 3¢. Average weekly earnings rose by $4.69 between April and May.

Compared to a year ago, average weekly hours had risen 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up by 31¢, raising the average weekly wage by $14.81.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1987	May 1986
Total Population	16,938,000	16,628,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.6	2.3
UI Covered Employers	316,831	314,263
Total Claims Actions	695,909	799,356
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,725	85,973
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	629,184	713,383
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$158.35	$160.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$92,286,648	$106,322,312
Total Placements	26,460	30,018

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.